To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 623 without my signature.

This bill would authorize the California Architects Board (Board) to require a licensee, as a condition of renewal, to certify to the Board that he or she has completed continuing education (CE) in, or relevant to, the practice of architecture in subjects relating to health, safety, and welfare.

I am supportive of the provisions that modify the documentation requirements for the existing CE requirements, but I believe this could be done administratively. However, I do not believe we should be placing additional burdens on licensees by demanding they fulfill new continuing education requirements.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger